

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance

September 9, 2022

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Mac/Grove Fest - Sept 10
- Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam - Sept 17
- World Fest - Sept 17
- Nativity County Fair - Sept 18
- Local Feiseanna - Nov 5 and 6

## Where is OID Dancing This Weekend?

Celtic Junction Arts Center is the stage and sound sponsor for tomorrow's [Mac / Grove Fest neighborhood event](#) and dancers from O'Shea are performing! The event is free and open to the public—no matter what neighborhood you live in. It's a great event with things to do and see and taste and experience. O'Shea dancers take the stage at noon. If you're new to OID or have been wondering how these performances work, swing by, check it out and cheer us on!

## Costume Level-Ups

If you're a Beginner dancer who just moved up to Primary or a Primary dancer who just moved up to Intermediate, you'll need a new class costume. If you're not performing or feising between now and November you can wait until Costume Day. If you're dancing this weekend or next, Donna can get you out of your old costume and into a new one this Saturday morning beginning at 9:15 am. Please email [oidadmin@osheairishdance.com](mailto:oidadmin@osheairishdance.com) or text me at 651-230-0802 to let me know you're coming.

Also, a reminder for new Intermediate dancers, you'll also need to have a clip-on ponytail for performances. You can purchase them to match your hair color at [Creative Hair Design](#). Don't sweat it if you don't have one for tomorrow's performance. Just let me know and we'll see if any of the spares we currently have will work for you.

## Shoes For Sale? Solo Costume for Sale?

Have you got used Irish dance shoes in good condition at home? Bring them in and share them in the Parent to Parent shoe cupboard. It's the start of a new term and we have a lot of new students and students moving up. There's also a [used solo costume group](#) on Facebook. It's a great spot to sell or buy used solo costumes.

## Target Training with Ella Pomplun!

Check your email from earlier this week for info about Ella Pomplun's Target Training course that begins this weekend on Sunday. Here are the details:

Ella Pomplun, senior dancer and second-year PT student at the University of Minnesota, will be teaching a session of Target Training's 10 Week Workout at the Celtic Junction this fall, just for O'Shea dancers! Ella will be hosting these classes at the Celtic Junction on Sundays from 10-11 am starting this Sunday, September 11. You can see the full class schedule and register [HERE](#)! Contact [ella.pomplun@gmail.com](mailto:ella.pomplun@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the class or Target Training!

## Orientation and the Start of the Fall Term

We are holding Orientation this year in-person during your dancers' class time. Dancers and parents will come to the new classroom upstairs across from the Eoin McKiernan Library at the start of class and return to class after orientation is completed. We're holding orientation sessions over two weeks:

- Week of September 19th for Cormac's classes
- Week of September 26 for Preschool, Beginner and Primary classes

Additional details will be sent in advance of the sessions. All dancers/families need to fill out the annual forms each year. If you haven't already done so, please [follow this link for all the forms](#). We need everyone to fill them out by October 15. The annual forms include:

- Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
- Release Agreement
- Medical Form

Thanks all! Looking forward to a great Fall Season!

## Got Costumes or Accessories?

Check your closets for any extra class costumes or costume accessories (gold skirts, capes) and return any extra items by October 1 so we are organized and ready for costume day later this fall.

Watch for more announcements about Costume Day. Reminder, our annual costume fees are added to Studio Director accounts in November.

## Upcoming Performances - Dancers Needed!

We've got more performance opportunities coming up at the end of August and in September. Form and Rubrics for the last State Fair performance and the Mac/Groveland Festival Performance are up on the [Upcoming Performances](#) Page. Save the dates for:

- WorldFest AND Ice Cream, Peanut Butter and Jam 9/17
- Nativity County Fair 9/18

We'll need a lot of dancers! Thanks in advance for signing up!

## OID Jackets Order Deadline Extended and LOVE T-Shirts Now Available

The deadline to order new team jackets has been extended to September 14. Please read the NEW TEAM JACKET ORDERS PDF carefully--it has all the info. Also attached are the youth and adult sizing charts. Please contact Galena at [galena.stcroix@gmail.com](mailto:galena.stcroix@gmail.com) with any questions.



OID LOVE shirts are back! Please use [this link](#) to place your order. The shirts are \$15 and payment will be taken when the shirts are distributed at the end of September.

## CJAC's Annual Fundraiser and Volunteer Opportunity



CJAC's annual fundraiser is coming up on October 15. Join us in-person for a delicious dinner – or join us virtually for chat and good craic!

All will enjoy an entertaining program that shows off the best of what Celtic Junction Arts Center offers. This year our featured guest is musician, archivist, and former Riverdance performer, Niamh Ní Charra!

Have you ever wondered how all this started with O'Shea Irish Dance and the Celtic Junction Arts Center? Cormac will share stories about his Riverdance days and the steps that led all of this to begin right here in Minnesota.

Most of you know that the Celtic Junction Arts Center is home not only to O'Shea Irish Dance and Center for Irish Music but is also home to the Eoin McKiernan Library, the Irish College of Minnesota and the offices of the Irish Fair of Minnesota. Visit the CJAC website for all kinds of info about its resident partners, courses, concerts and events.

CJAC is an award winning cultural center (Best in North America in 2018!) and a great addition to the upper midwest for people of Irish descent or anyone interested in Irish culture, history, literature, music, dance and so much more.

The event is looking for volunteers. If you'd like to lend a hand, email [volunteer@celticjunction.org](mailto:volunteer@celticjunction.org).

### Stay Connected with REMIND and All the Social Media

If you haven't done so already, please make sure you join the All Dancers And Families All Levels class on the Remind app. Click here to join: <https://www.remind.com/join/osheair>. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF CLOSINGS IN WEATHER EVENTS OR EMERGENCIES. You may also receive invitations to join smaller sub-groups based on performances and other events and should join those as well. In addition to the weekly newsletter and other emails, we use the Remind app extensively to get information and reminders out to dancers and families.

Make sure you're connected to OID on our Facebook groups. We cross-post important communications there as well as other news and info. It's also a fun place to connect with other OID families.

[www.osheairishdance.com](http://www.osheairishdance.com) OID public webpage.

<http://damhsa.osheairishdance.com/> This is the private OID school page for school members only.

<https://www.facebook.com/OIDance/> OID public Facebook page.

[O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Dancers and Families Announcements and Activities](#) For All OID families

[O'Shea Irish Dance Used Solo Dress/Vest, Shoes and Accessory](#) For used solo costume needs

And if you're not connected on other social media, please follow OID on Instagram: [osheairishdance](#).

Follow OID on TikTok: **OSheairishdance** and Add **osheairishdance** to your Snapchat contacts.

Visit [www.idpamn.org](http://www.idpamn.org) for the Irish Dance Parent Association (IDPA) website and [Facebook page](#).

**LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**